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- a. Fortifications are being built on Marcara Island somewhat larger in extent than those of the previous year. This island and the Island of Lastovo form a unit, although all construction is carried out separately and under special command. The construction staff is made up of:

- 1) The Commanding Officer, a captain of Engineers from Lika, whose first name is Sima;
- 2) Deputy commanders Lt. Vojkovic, and another Lieutenant known as Ljubo;
- 3) Chief of the radio-telegraphic service Lt. Roman Lipovac.

Fifteen to twenty officers, about 350 soldier-draftees, 250 soldier-reservists, and about 100 workers belonging to the Ivo Lucic-Lavcevic Military Construction Enterprise are engaged in the work. The Staff Headquarters for fortification work is connected by direct military telephone cable with the Zlopolje Military Camp on the Island of Lastovo, and with all construction areas on the Island of Marcara. The works mentioned below have been or are being constructed on the Island of Marcara.

- b. Brusje: Situated above and east of Podmarcara Valley, a large number of bunkers for coastal artillery is being built in this zone. All the construction works are inter-connected by underground corridors. Underground shelters, water tanks and warehouses are also being built. All installations are connected by telephones. On the side of the slope on the edge of Podmarcara Valley and about 10 meters below the summit, two parallel tunnels have been built, opening on the northern slope of the hill in the direction of Grgurovo Dance Valley. These tunnels are 50 to 60 meters long and are supposed to serve as shelters. The same works as at Brusje are being carried out at Grgurovo Dance.

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c. Konopljica Valley: A pier is being built here with large blocks of cement; it will be about 50 meters long. The sea is about 4 to 7 meters deep at the pier. Certain other installations are being constructed in addition and the following units were finished at the end of May of this year:

- 1) A one-story building about 10 meters long in the immediate neighborhood of the pier; to be used for officers' quarters.
- 2) Three wooden barracks with cement frames, which serve as warehouses for construction material. The barracks are about 100 meters south of the pier.
- 3) About 200 meters from Konopljica, on the road leading to Brusje, the following have been built:
  - a) A one-story building, 28 by 9 meters, which serves as quarters for non-commissioned officers, a mess-hall and a warehouse for weapons and equipment;
  - b) A one-story building, 35 by 12 meters, which serves as barracks;
  - c) A one-story building, 18 by 7 meters, where the Island Headquarters is located;
  - d) A tank for water of unknown capacity; it is located by the road and between the first two large buildings.
  - e) Three to four wooden barracks with concrete frames which serve as quarters for reservists who are called in for exercises.

d. Umacara Valley and Beljavka Valley: These two valleys, which are situated on the southern and south-western parts of the island, are also being fortified. Mine explosions are heard from that area day and night, and local inhabitants claim that works of larger dimension are under way

2. THE ISLAND OF SUSAC

On the highest point on Susac Island there is a permanent observation station equipped with optical instruments only. The head of the station is a Navy staff sergeant by the name of Drago, and there are 8 more sailors on duty. The station is connected by cable with Sv. Petar on the Island of Lastovo. A light-house is connected with the observation station by telephone and, through it, with Lastovo Island.

3. THE ISLAND OF PELAGRUZ

The following installations are located on the small island of Pelagruz, which is situated south-east of the Island of Lastovo:

- a. A permanent observation station equipped with radio-telegraphic equipment and optical instruments.
- b. A meteorological station located very close to the observation station. The station is equipped with all modern instruments and is managed by two civilians.
- c. In the same building with the observation station, the Headquarters of a Maritime KNOJ Flotilla is stationed. The Commanding officer of the Flotilla is an ensign who has one patrol boat on his disposition.

4. THE ISLAND OF SILBA

A large two-story building serving as military barracks 50 meters long, was erected before the end of 1949 in the port area of the town of Silba on Silba Island. A marine unit is stationed in these barracks, as well as an artillery unit, and a small KNOJ border unit. Fortification work began in 1950 on the island, especially on its south-western cape. The workers are

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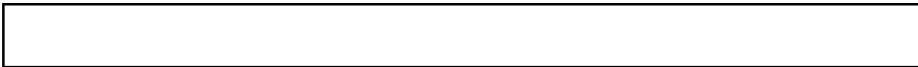


mostly marines and artillerymen. Bunkers for coastal artillery and some underground shelters and warehouses are being built but the details are not known.

5. THE ISLAND OF PREMUDA

Before the end of 1949 construction of fortifications began on the Island of Premuda. At the end of March of this year some larger works had been built on the north-western cape of the island, about 10 in all. In addition mine explosions are constantly being heard and it is possible to see the construction activity. Similar work is being carried out on the south-eastern cape but there are no details available. The work is done by soldiers quartered in wooden barracks.

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